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PRODUCTION OF AMERICAN SOYABEAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of American Soyabean in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the procurement price of American Soyabean to encourage its production in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the import of edible oils in the country has declined as a result of increase in the production of soyabean; and

(e) if so, the extent of decline recorded during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Production estimates of specific varieties of Soyabean are not mentioned. State- wise production of Soyabean in the country from 2003-04 to 2005-06 is given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): Government fixes the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Soyabean (Black) and Soyabean (Yellow) each year on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices. The MSP of Soyabean (Yellow) was raised from Rs. 1,000 per quintal in 2004-05 to Rs. 1,010 per quintal in 2005-06, and further to Rs. 1,020 per quintal in 2006-07. The MSP of Soyabean (Black) was raised to Rs. 900 per quintal in 2004-05 from Rs. 840 per quintal in 2003-04. It remained at Rs. 900 per quintal during 2005-06 and 2006-07.

(d) & (e): Production of Soyabean declined from 78.18 lakh tonnes in 2003-04 to 68.77 lakh tonnes in 2004-05. However, it increased to 82.74 lakh tonnes in 2005-06. As per the data available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIS), the import of edible oils declined from 52.90 lakh tonnes in 2003-04 to 47.51 lakh tonnes in 2004-05 and further to 41.75 lakh tonnes in 2005-06.